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SUBJECT: GREEK/TURKISH DISPUTE IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL

1. SECURITY COUNCIL MET ON THIS ITEM IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS AT 3:30 P.M. AUGUST 23. SC PRESIDENT ABE (JAPAN) OBSERVED SC MEMBERS WOULD NEED TIME TO STUDY AND TO SEEK REACTIONS FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE FOREIGN MINISTRIES. THIS OBSERVATION WAS ENDORSED BY DELEGATIONS OF PAKISTAN, LIBYA, AND PANAMA. UK AMB RICHARD DISCUSSED WORKING PAPER AND STRESSED IT REPRESENTED BALANCED, FAIR, AND CENTRAL POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THE TWO PARTIES. HE ADDED WORKING PAPER IS THE RESULT OF THE FOUR-POWERS LISTENING TO THE VIEWS OF BOTH SIDES AND THEN ATTEMPTING TO RECONCILE DIFFERENCES. SC MEMBERS AGREED TO MEET AGAIN IN CONSULTATIONS ON AUGUST 24 AT 3:30 P.M. UK AND ITALIAN DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN POSSIBILITY OF MOVING FROM CONSULTATIONS TO FORMAL MEETING AND DECISION IF FEASIBLE. USSR EXPRESSED SYMPATHY WITH AT LEAST TRYING WRAP MATTER UP TOMORROW.

2. ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL NOW HAVE TEXT OF WORKING PAPER. TURKISH DELEGATION QUICKLY CIRCULATED TO ALL SC MEMBERS EXCEPT US, UK, ITALY AND FRANCE, ITS DISSENTING VIEWPOINTS IN INFORMAL PAPER. ROMANIAN PERM REP ON THE BASIS OF THIS PAPER CONVEYED TO BENNETT LATE MORNING THE TURKISH OBJECTIONS. TURKS SEEK TO SHIFT OPERATIVE PAA 4 TO PREAMBLE AND TO REINSERT WORD "JOINTLY" OR "TOGETHER" BEFORE "THEY MAY IDENTIFY" IN SAME PARA.

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TURKISH LOBBYING SO FAR HAS BEEN NOTABLY MORE INTENSE THAN THAT

OF THE GREEKS. GREEKS HAVE COMPLAINED ABOUT DELETION OF PHRASE
FROM PREAMBULAR PARA 6 "TO A DISPUTE WHICH MIGHT ENDANGER
INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY" AND THE INTRODUCTION OF
THE PHRASE IN OP 6 "APPROPRIATE JUDICIAL MEANS." IT IS CLEAR,
HOWEVER, THEY WOULD NOT BE UNHAPPY WITH PRESENT DRAFT. WE
HAVE HAD REPORT THAT USSR DELEGATION VIEWS WORKING PAPER
FAVORABLY EXCEPT FOR REFERENCE TO ICJ, AN INSTITUTION THE
SOVIETS CONSISTENTLY WORK TOWARD DENIGRATING.
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